

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (LIABILITIES).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 21 February 1905;—for,

“RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of the OUTSTANDING BALANCES
of the LOANS of LOCAL AUTHORITIES in England and Wales, Scotland,
and Ireland, respectively, at the close of the Financial Years 1873-4,
1883-4, 1893-4, and 1903-4, with the Totals for the three Countries
on those dates.”

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(*Mr. Gibson Bowler.*)



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RETURN showing the **TOTAL AMOUNT** of the **CONTRIBUTING BALANCES** of the **LOCAL AUTHORITIES** in **England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively**, at the close of the **Financial Years 1873-4, 1883-4, 1893-4, and 1903-4.**

ENGLAND AND WALES.*

Classes of Local Authorities†	1873-4	1883-4	1893-4	1903-4
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)
Total amount of the contributing balances of the towns of —	£	£	£	£
1. Towns receiving contributions under the Sanitation Act, 1866 (No. 18)	1,079,843,733	78,339,849	107,096,443	170,061,049
2. Urban sanitary authorities and urban districts under the Sanitation Act, 1866 (No. 18)	1,048,711,307	19,111,734	19,408,897	31,709,001
3. Corporation and town Commissioners of the City of London (2)	5,361,416	5,361,416	5,361,417	5,114,477
4. Groups of sanitary bodies (sanitary and urban districts) under the Sanitation Act, 1866	1,001,449	2,544,903	5,279,473	5,466,754
5. County authorities established under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888	1,001,043	1,001,043	—	—
6. Metropolitan Board of Works (superseded under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888) (3)	1,001,043	17,000,000	—	—
7. London County Council	—	—	51,074,341	45,861,097
8. Other sanitary authorities, port sanitary authorities, and the Lancashire Asylum Board	—	—	5,064,689	12,837,175
9. School boards	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	10,000,000
10. Poor law authorities (including the Metropolitan Asylum Board, see (F) (1))	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	11,479,000
11. Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum Board	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
12. Rural sanitary authorities and rural districts (sanitary)	90,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
13. Highway, civil, and dock authorities	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
14. Other local authorities	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	11,000,000
Total for all local authorities (England and Wales)	£ 14,144,000	104,379,247	224,129,370	334,269,124
Total amount standing to the credit of sinking funds and other reserve funds applicable to the repayment of the portion of the above-mentioned balances repayable by means of such funds	£ 10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

* The information in the foregoing statement was supplied from the returns of the Local Authorities for England and Wales submitted to the Local Government Board in the years 1873-4, 1883-4, 1893-4, and 1903-4. The figures are given in the original form in which they were submitted, and are not corrected for any errors which may have occurred in the original returns. The figures are given in the original form in which they were submitted, and are not corrected for any errors which may have occurred in the original returns. The figures are given in the original form in which they were submitted, and are not corrected for any errors which may have occurred in the original returns.

† (1) Towns receiving contributions under the Sanitation Act, 1866 (No. 18). (2) Corporation and town Commissioners of the City of London. (3) Metropolitan Board of Works. (4) Groups of sanitary bodies (sanitary and urban districts) under the Sanitation Act, 1866. (5) County authorities established under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888. (6) Metropolitan Board of Works (superseded under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888). (7) London County Council. (8) Other sanitary authorities, port sanitary authorities, and the Lancashire Asylum Board. (9) School boards. (10) Poor law authorities (including the Metropolitan Asylum Board, see (F) (1)). (11) Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum Board. (12) Rural sanitary authorities and rural districts (sanitary). (13) Highway, civil, and dock authorities. (14) Other local authorities.

E. H. PROVER,
Secretary to the Local Government Board.

RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of the OUTSTANDING BALANCES—cont.

SCOTLAND.*

Class of Local Authorities.	1873-4.†	1883-4.‡	1893-4.	1903-4.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)
	£	£	£	£
Parochial boards (superseded by parish councils under the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894):—				
Loans under Public Health Acts		365,047	††—	—
Other loans - - - - -		473,870	§§376,265	—
Parish councils - - - - -		—	—	§§786,201
School boards - - - - -		2,581,109	£,810,264	6,474,223
Heritors for ecclesiastical purposes		26,212	11,148	9,791
County authorities (superseded by county councils under the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889):—				
Commissioners of supply - - -		£77,372	—	—
County road trusts - - - - -		£27,180	—	—
County councils - - - - -		—	††891,009	2,296,690
District lunacy boards - - - -		††—	§§438,659	§§1,691,873
Burgh authorities - - - - -		£10,248,890	£21,797,193	58,032,946
District fishery boards - - - -		135	—	4,297
Harbour and port authorities - -		8,081,026	£9,564,484	£11,120,546
Total - - - - -		£21,684,092	36,889,622	59,314,968

* Compiled from the Memoranda to the Local Taxation Returns for Scotland relating to the years 1884-5, 1894-5 and 1903-4. The figures for 1903-4 are exclusive of the amounts due by one local authority to another.

† The information for 1873-4 is not available and cannot now be ascertained.

‡ The figures for 1883-4 relating to county authorities, to burgh authorities and to the total debt, are incomplete, the debt shown being less than the actual indebtedness, because—

(1) Loans contracted as the security of the common good of burghs, and not forming a charge upon the rates, had not been included in the Local Taxation Returns made by some burgh officials; and

(2) The all-tenement trusts and statute labour road trusts were merged in the new county road boards under the Roads and Bridges Act, 1878, and the debts were re-valued or written off. In a number of cases a valuation had not been arrived at in 1884, and the total indebtedness of the county roads and bridge trusts for that year was not inserted in the Local Taxation Returns, for, if given, it would have been altogether misleading for any purpose of comparison. The first year in which the total indebtedness of the new trusts is given is 1888-9, when the amount is entered as 300,972.

†† In 1893-4 a readjustment of the debts of parochial boards and county councils was made in consequence of the transfer to the latter bodies under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1893, of the administration under the Public Health Acts formerly carried out by parochial boards. The amount of debt transferred from parochial boards to county councils was over 400,000.

§§ Particulars as to the debt, &c., of district lunacy boards were included for the first time in the local taxation returns for 1898-9. The amount of district lunacy board debt for 1893-4 has not been ascertained.

§§ County parochial asylum became a district asylum in 1896-7, and the asylum debt was thereupon transferred to district lunacy boards. The amount of such asylum debt in 1893-4 was 162,402, and in 1894-5 was 162,117.

§ Includes 1,079,381, the value of annuities in 1895-6, the value for 1893-4 not having been ascertained.

§ In addition, interest remaining unpaid amounted to 174,774.

181,312.

G. FALCONAR-STEWART,

Secretary,

Local Government Board for Scotland.

IRELAND.

Classes of Local Authorities.	1873-4.	1883-4.	1893-4.	1903-4.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)
Counties - - - -	£ 364,778	£ 602,427	£ 346,074	£ 293,836
Sanitary districts* - -	—	—	—	1,387,823
Towns - - - -	1,310,763	2,905,819	3,871,742	7,013,275
Water Commissioners' districts† -	—	453,918	692,932	1,757,548
Joint Drainage board districts‡ -	—	99,000	91,843	153,812
Joint burial board districts -	—	1,500	1,450	11,006
Unions - - - -	25,568	251,373	1,569,409	272,678
Rural districts* - - -	—	—	—	2,418,908
Harbours - - - -	1,172,734	1,917,797	2,474,194	2,808,375
Total Ireland - £	3,074,845	6,231,834	9,027,014	16,008,311

* For the first three years given in the table the loans for sanitary districts are included in the indebtedness of counties, and those of rural districts in that of unions.

† No information available for the first year in this case.

‡ These boards were not in existence in 1873-4.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 30th May 1905.

A. R. BARLAS,
Assistant Secretary.

SUMMARY.

—	1873-4.	1883-4.	1893-4.	1903-4.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)
England and Wales - - -	£ 84,194,956	£ 164,879,947	£ 224,158,370	£ 393,908,138
Scotland - - - -	(Figures not available.)	21,894,092	36,889,622	59,314,966
Ireland - - - -	3,074,845	6,231,834	9,027,014	16,008,311
Grand Total for United Kingdom - - - } £	—	192,995,873	270,075,006	469,231,417